GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1479
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2005
MIGRATION OF INDIAN LABOURERS
Singh Shri Mohan

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a): the number of Indian labourers working in the Gulf countries, Mauritius etc. at present, country-wise;

(b): the main reasons for the migration of Indian labourers to foreign countries;

(c): whether the Government is taking steps to check the migration of Indian labourers to foreign countries; and

(d): if so, the details thereof;

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER)

(a): An estimated 3.7 million Indians are working in the various countries of the Gulf. The number of Indians working Mauritius is not significant. A statement indicating the country-wise break-up is annexed.

(b): There are several reasons which include shortage of manpower in several foreign countries, better salaries and working and opportunities for savings abroad.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1479 by Shri Mohan Singh for reply on 03.08.2005 regarding Migration of Indian Labourers

Sl. No.	Name of the Country	No. of Indian workers (in Lac)
1.	Saudi Arabia	14.00
2.	U.A.E.	12.00
3.	Oman	3.50
4.	Kuwait	4.65
5.	Qatar	1.72
6.	Bahrain	1.40
7	Jordan	04
	Total	37.31